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### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Sept. 1, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29---Seedless and Ribier grapes are the week's Best Buy from the fruit department.

To be considered as a Fairly Good Buy are cantaloups (higher), Honeydew and Persian melons and watermelons.

Figs are lower priced and a Fair Buy, along with oranges and Gravenstein apples.

Receipts of tomatoes have been the heaviest of the season during the past week, making tomatoes a Best Buy, along with carrots, cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplant, and lettuce.

Good Buys from the vegetable bin include snap beans, corn, peas, peppers, and soft squash.

Cabbage is a Fair Buy this week -- supplies are lighter and prices higher.

Meat --

Demand has been only fair for meat in the San Francisco wholesale market. There has been plenty of beef and lamb, but supplies of veal and pork have been on the light side. Most of the beef supply has been of Commercial grade, with steer beef selling \$1.00 per hundredweight below a week ago. Commercial grade spring lamb also has dropped \$1.00 per hundredweight, while all grades of owe mutton have gained \$1.00 to \$2.00. Pork prices are higher, with carcasses up \$1.00 per hundredweight; loins \$2.00 to \$4.00 higher; and butts and spareribs up \$2.00 per hundredweight above a week ago.



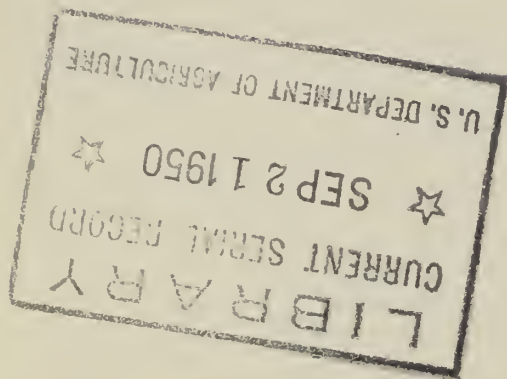
Butter --

Top grades of butter have advanced 1/2-cent in the San Francisco wholesale market, reflecting a stronger demand and higher asking prices for butter moving to the west coast. Western butter production for the week ended Aug. 24 dropped to a level 10 percent below the previous week and 7 percent below a year ago. However, it was still slightly above the 1944-48 average. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&AA(1st Quality) 67-1/2 to 70 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B(2nd Quality) 64 to 65 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

Eggs --

Prices have dropped 4 cents per dozen on Grade "A" Small eggs and are down slightly on Grade "A" Mediums as the result of liberal supplies of those sizes and little demand for them. Grade "A" Large eggs are still in good demand at unchanged prices. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 54 to 55 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 49 to 51 cents per dozen; and Grade "A" Smalls, 31 to 32 cents per dozen in cartons.

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#### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Sept. 8, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept 5---Although there are no so-called Best Buys from the fruit department this week, large Persian melons, Seedless grapes, and Ribier grape can be considered as a Good Buy.

Fair Buys this week include cantaloups (higher) and figs.

Among the Best Buys from the vegetable bin this week are beans, carrots, cauliflower, cucumbers, lettuce, soft squash, and tomatoes.

In the Fair Buy class are cabbage, corn, celery, eggplant, peas and peppers.

#### Meat --

Demand has remained rather slow for meat in the San Francisco wholesale market although veal and pork have moved readily. Prices are up \$1.00 per hundredweight on Good and Commercial grades of veal and are \$2.00 per hundredweight higher on pork loins. Beef -- predominantly of Commercial grade -- has held unchanged in price, as have lamb, mutton, and smoked pork products.

#### Butter --

Butter prices are unchanged from a week ago in the San Francisco wholesale market, where Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 67-1/2 to 70 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted to retailers at 64 to 65 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Offerings of top grades have been lighter, but sufficient for the rather slow demand.

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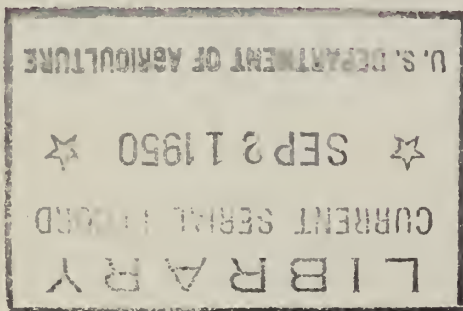
Eggs --

Demand has continued good for top quality large eggs, with Grade "A" Large holding unchanged from a week ago at a quotation to retailers of 54 to 55 cents per dozen in cartons. Medium and small-sized eggs have dropped in price as the result of heavier receipts of those sizes and less demand for them. Grade "A" Mediums are quoted to retailers 1-cent below a week ago at 48 to 49 cents per dozen in cartons, while Grade "A" Smalls are quoted 3 cents lower than a week ago at 29 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry --

All classes of dressed poultry have been in good demand the past week, especially for the holiday week-end. Heavy-type hens are selling 1-cent per pound below a week ago. Otherwise all prices are unchanged.

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### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Sept. 15, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12 -- With the fruit season beyond the peak there were no so-called Best Buys this week. However, listed as Good Buys were Cranshaw and large-size Persian melons, and Thompson Seedless and Ribier grapes (higher). Oranges were listed as a Fair Buy.

The first McIntosh apples from Washington made their appearance in the San Francisco market during the week.

Among the Best Buys from the vegetable bin this week are beans, carrots, celery, cucumbers, lettuce, summer and yellow crookneck squash, and tomatoes.

Good Buys include Italian squash, eggplant, peas, peppers, and spinach. In the Fair Buy class are cabbage and corn.

#### Meat --

Price increases in fresh beef, veal, and calf carcasses have occurred in the San Francisco wholesale meat market. Fresh lamb and mutton, and fresh pork carcasses were unchanged in price. Cured pork cuts were unchanged, except for sliced layer bacon which sold \$1 to \$3 higher. All grades of fresh steer beef carcasses, and utility and cutter grades of cow beef sold \$1 per hundredweight higher. Fresh veal and calf are mostly \$1 to \$2 per hundredweight higher.

#### Butter --

In the San Francisco wholesale market butter sold 1-cent per pound higher than a week ago, reflecting a tighter supply situation. Grades AA & A (1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 68-1/2 to 71 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B (2nd Quality) at 65 to 66 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

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Eggs --

There was an improved demand for Grade A Large eggs, which were quoted to retailers 1-cent higher than the previous week at 55 to 56 cents per dozen in cartons. Selling unchanged from the previous week were Grade A Mediums at 48 to 49 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade A Smalls at 29 cents per dozen.

Poultry --

There was an improved demand for young chickens in the dressed poultry market, with broilers selling 1 to 2 cents higher than the previous week at 48 to 50 cents per pound, and fryers and roasters 1 cent higher at 47 to 48 cents per pound. Prices on other classes were unchanged from the previous week.

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### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Sept. 22, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19 -- There were no so-called Best Buys in fruit this week. Listed as a Good Buy are Persian melons, and Ribier grapes are a fairly good buy. Listed as Fair Buys are Jonathan apples, and Thompson Seedless grapes.

Best Buys among the vegetables are beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers. Listed as Good Buys are carrots, celery, lettuce, eggplant, spinach and peas. Fair Buys are corn, cabbage, and soft squash.

#### Meat --

The visible supply has decreased in the San Francisco wholesale meat market. Fresh cow beef carcasses sold mostly \$1 to \$2 higher, and fresh lamb and mutton carcasses were up \$2 to \$3 per hundredweight. Fresh pork loins were down mostly \$2 per hundredweight, but lard sold \$1 to \$1.50 higher. Fresh steer beef, veal, and calf carcasses were unchanged in price. Steer and heifer beef cuts, and cured pork cuts were unchanged.

#### Butter --

Demand for butter in the San Francisco wholesale market remained good and prices were unchanged. Supplies were adequate for the demand. Grades AA & A (1st Quality) sold to retailers at 68-1/2 to 71 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B (2nd Quality) at 65 to 66 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

#### Eggs --

Top quality large and medium eggs were in lighter supply, and with a continued good demand prices advanced 3 cents per dozen. Grade A Large eggs were quoted to retailers at 58 to 59 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade A Medium eggs at 51 to 52 cents per dozen in cartons.

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Poultry --

The rather liberal supplies of dressed poultry continued in good demand at unchanged prices, except for light-type hens which sold 1 cent lower than the previous week. Young hen turkeys were in liberal supply as dressing plant operations increased.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26 -- Listed as Good Buys in fruit this week are Thompson Seedless and Ribier grapes. All varieties of apples are listed as Fair Buys. The first Watsonville Newtown apples were received in the market, and the first cranberries and persimmons of the season made their appearance.

Best Buys from the vegetable bin are lettuce, soft squash, tomatoes, bell peppers and cucumbers. Listed as Good Buys are eggplant, spinach, carrots, celery, and beans. Among the Fair Buys are corn and sweetpotatoes.

#### Meat --

In the San Francisco wholesale meat market Commercial and Utility grade fresh steer beef carcasses, and all grades of fresh cow beef carcasses sold \$1 higher than the previous week. Steer and heifer beef cuts sold unchanged in price, except for chucks which sold \$1 to \$2 higher per hundredweight. Commercial and Utility grade fresh veal carcasses sold up \$1 to \$2 per hundredweight, while fresh calf and fresh lamb and mutton carcasses sold mostly unchanged from the previous week. Fresh pork loins and hams sold mostly \$2 higher per hundredweight, and other fresh pork cuts were unchanged in price. All cured pork cuts sold \$2 lower per hundredweight, except for sliced layer bacon which was unchanged in price. Lard also was unchanged in price from the previous week.

#### Butter --

Top grades of butter advanced 1-cent per pound in the San Francisco wholesale market during the past week as the demand continued good and supplies were lighter. Grades AA & A (1st Quality) butter sold to retailers at 69-1/2 to 72 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B (2nd Quality) sold unchanged at 65 to 66 cents in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

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Eggs --

Grade A Large and Small size eggs advanced in price as the light supplies met with an improved demand. Grade A Large eggs in cartons sold to retailers 1 cent higher than the previous week at 59 to 60 cents per dozen, and Grade A Small eggs sold 2 cents higher at 31 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry --

There was a good demand for most classes of dressed poultry, and prices on all classes were unchanged from the previous week, except for the liberal offerings of colored fryers which sold 1 cent lower at 46 to 47 cents per pound. Turkeys were in liberal supply with Grade A young hens selling at 47 to 49 cents per pound to retailers, and young toms at 40 to 41 cents.

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